

Application No. 10/780,747
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312
Reply to Notice of Allowance dated May 15, 2008
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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1 and 3-7 have been amended in the application. Currently, claims 1-14 are pending in the application.

Applicant submits that a minor error occurred in renumbered independent claims 1 and 3-7. Independent claims 1 and 3-7 currently recite a target capturing unit that "produces a second melody when the judging unit judges that the difference is greater than the predetermined value, and produces no melody when the judging unit judges that the difference is equal to the predetermined value".

Applicant submits that the specification discloses that when the judging unit judges that the difference is greater than the predetermined value, the target capturing unit produces no melody, and when the judging unit judges that the difference is equal to the predetermined value, the target capturing unit produces a second melody. Also, applicant notes that these features are clearly disclosed on page 23, line 25 - page 25, line 9 of the specification, and are shown in Steps S21, S22, S23, S24 and S25 in Fig. 6.

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By this amendment, independent claims 1 and 3 have been amended to recite a target capturing unit that "produces no melody when the judging unit judges that the difference is greater than the predetermined value, and produces a second melody when the judging unit judges that the difference is equal to the predetermined value".

Similarly, independent claims 4-7 have been amended to recite the step of "producing no melody when the judging unit judges that the difference is greater than the predetermined value, and producing a second melody when the judging unit judges that the difference is equal to the predetermined value".

The proposed minor amendment to the claims does not require any additional search or examination because the amended feature was clearly intended and also effectively examined by the Examiner. These claims are patentable for the same reasons presented in the earlier amendment and were not presented earlier due to an inadvertent error.

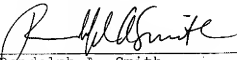
Applicant respectfully submits that these changes to the claims correct formal matters without changing the scope of the claims. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner approve these changes to the claims.

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If there are any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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